

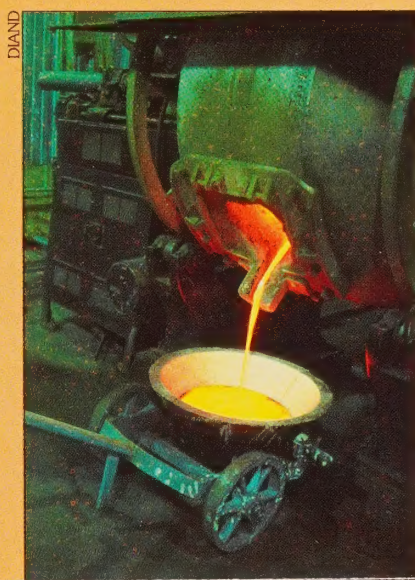
# Yukon Land Use Planning

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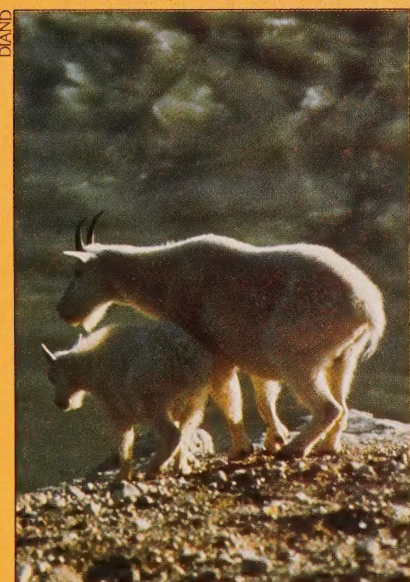
## What Will Yukon Land Use Planning Do?

Land use planning will provide an orderly approach to making decisions on land and resource use. Yukon Land Use Planning will gather information and public input to produce long-term, comprehensive Plans. By planning the best use of available resources, Yukon Land Use Planning will reduce conflicts between resource users.



## What Will be Produced?

Land Use Plans, consisting of a written document with maps. The document will identify the opportunities and constraints for the use of land and resources and set out guidelines for the best use of resources. Plans will be based upon economic, social, cultural and environmental research and the public input gathered in the planning process.



directing the Yukon Land Use Planning process. Industry, Indian Bands, municipalities, organizations and individuals will all be invited to take part in the planning process.

## What are the Benefits of Land Use Planning?

Yukon Land Use Planning will:

- provide long-term guidance for land and resource management;
- help to identify economic opportunities;
- identify sensitive and unique areas of the Yukon for special management; and
- improve the consistency of land and resource use decisions.

## Who Will Participate in Yukon Land Use Planning?

Everyone who wants to. Yukon Land Use Planning will provide an opportunity for all Yukoners to publicly state their views on the best use of land and resources.

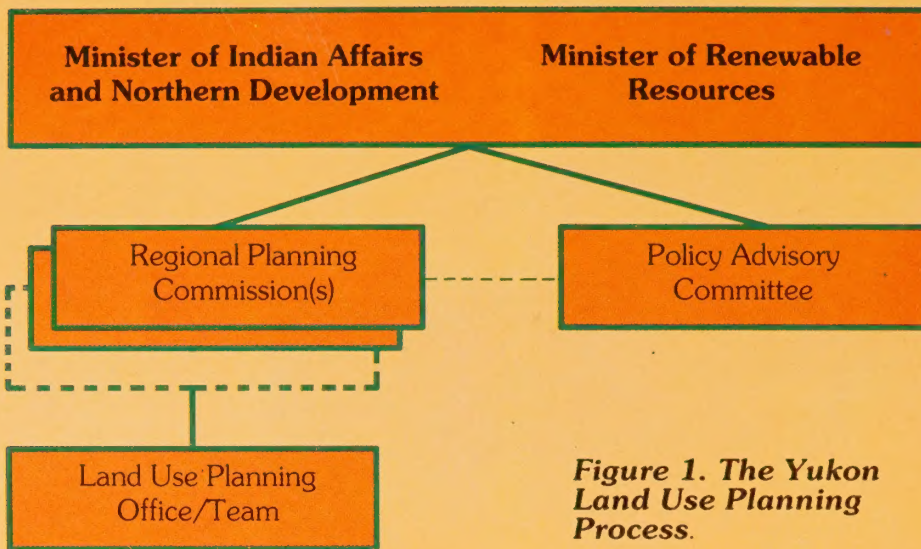
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## Who Will Use the Plans?

Government agencies, public and business groups and individuals will consult the Plans in making resource use decisions.





**Figure 1. The Yukon Land Use Planning Process.**

## How Will Land Use Planning Take Place?

First, a planning area will be selected. Then:

- planning issues will be identified and ranked in priority;
- resource information will be collected and analyzed, with public consultation;
- a variety of land and resource management options will be examined, and public input/suggestions gathered;
- a preferred Plan will be recommended for approval by the Ministers, following public consultation; and
- following Plan approval, government agencies will make resource use decisions based on the Plan recommendations.

## Who is Responsible for Yukon Land Use Planning?

The Governments of Canada and the Yukon and the Council for Yukon Indians are responsible for directing the planning process (see Figure 1). Specific responsibilities are divided between several participants:

- The federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and the Yukon Minister of Renewable Resources, in consultation with the Council for Yukon Indians, will approve Land Use Plans.

They will also give direction to a Policy Advisory Committee and to Regional Planning Commissions.

- The Policy Advisory Committee is made up of three members, representing Canada, Yukon and the Council for Yukon Indians. It makes recommendations to the Ministers on all phases of planning, from selection of planning areas to implementation of approved Land Use Plans.
- The Regional Planning Commissions direct the preparation of Land Use Plans in the selected areas. Each Commission will consist of six members and will direct all local aspects of planning, from setting terms-of-reference to recommending Plans for ministerial approval. Regional Planning Commissions will monitor the implementation of Plans and recommend any needed amendments.
- A Land Use Planning Office will provide technical support to the Regional Planning Commissions. Teams of planners and resource specialists will prepare the Land Use Plans.

## Will Land Claims be Affected by Plans?

Land use planning will not prejudice land claims negotiations or subsequent land claims agreements.

### Further information on land use planning may be obtained from:

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